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Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
FCC – the Portals, 455 12th Street SW
Washington D.C. 20554

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have learned recently of a petition filed concerning the 155-mile limit for Citizen Band (CB) Radio. I am referring to Docket RM-9807.

I have been a CB Operator since the early 1970's. I have been a member of REACT and I am an Amateur Radio Operator. I am also a Deputy Sheriff who has been in Law Enforcement for over 19 years. In all of the mentioned areas, I have seen the service that CB Radio provides.

Over the years, I have answered calls on Channel 9 for assistance. On trips, CB Radio has allowed me to be assisted several times and provide assistance to others. As a Deputy, I have answered calls that were initiated by CB Radio Operators. CB Radio has saved countless lives, helped people and is an invaluable service to all those who use it.

I understand that the ARRL has filed comments with your office. The ARRL is an Amateur Radio Organization and is not affiliated with CB Radio. There are many Amateur Radio Operators who use CB Radio, but the Amateur bands are not affected by legal CB Radio operators.

Although I am only a newly licensed Amateur, I have had an interest in that hobby for over a decade. I have also always felt that CB Radio was a good step into the Amateur hobby. Without CB Radio, I would have never become interested in being an Amateur.

I also understand that the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) has filed comments. They have made comments concerning

illegal power amplifiers, but that does not apply to this petition. There is no request to increase the legal power output of CB Radio. CB Radio at 4 watts AM and 12 watts SSB pose no threat to the concerns of the NAB.

I understand that there can be concerns about any change to rules, but please apply those comments only if they apply.

I have hoped that the 155-mile limit would be lifted for a long time. Many other CB Operators I know feel the same way and are only interested in operating legally. By lifting this limit, we would be able to take advantage of the naturally occurring long distance communications that can occur on the CB frequencies. This could encourage CB Operators to become Amateurs, allowing them more power legally and better long distance communications.

The lifting of the 155-mile limit would enhance CB Radio. Your attention to this matter and the subsequent approval of this petition is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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